

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,
January 23, 1923.

An adjourned, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, January 23, 1923, and was called to order by City Clerk Bartlett, President Fitzhugh being absent. The following Trustees were present: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor and Stone. On motion by Trustee Stone, seconded by Trustee Proctor, and a majority vote, Trustee Gilbert was chosen as President pro-tem and took the chair.

The minutes of the meeting of January 16, 1923, were read and approved as read.

A letter from the Consolidated Lumber Co., H. Meyer, Sec'y, was read by Clerk Bartlett, asking to lease a portion of Lot s-13.

Trustee Nash moved that the letter be referred to the City Attorney for recommendations. Trustee Stone seconded the motion and it was duly carried.

Mr. John Holm, contractor, requested a permit to construct a cement sidewalk on the east side of Portola in front of Lots 18 to 26 inclusive of Block 12, Torrance Tract.

Trustee Proctor referred the matter to the City Engineer with power to act, being seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote.

Two requests for permits from the So. Cal. Gas Co. dated Jan. 15th and Jan. 16th respectively, were read by the Clerk. The requests were for the extension of their mains in certain parts of the City.

Trustee Stone moved that permission be granted on both requests. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Geo A. Daily, through the City Clerk, presented a plan for the construction of a bungalow court on Lot 10, Block 52. Permission was refused on motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Stone, and a majority vote.

Mr. Gadaky, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, presented a petition, addressed to Mr. W. T. Klusman, of the Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, from property owners on Arlington Avenue, protesting against the payment of the paving assessment on said street, and upon the bills as rendered, or not rendered, as the case might be, and asking for an extension of time before the assessment goes to bond. After discussing the matter, Trustee Stone moved that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up a Resolution protesting against the legality of the notices as served. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Fitzhugh came in at 7.40 P.M.

The condition of the alley in the rear of the Smith Cafe was referred to the City Marshal for investigation and any necessary prohibition.

Trustee Stone moved that the same assurance be given Mr. Vonderahe as was given Mr. Schultz in the matter of removing the present Fire house from its usual location. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Roberts protested, on behalf of his tenants, against holding street dances on Monday nights, stating that they had no objection as to Saturday nights or Holidays, but that on Monday nights his tenants were tired from their Sunday outings and wanted to sleep.

President pro-tem Gilbert suggested that, in order to make it

as easy as possible all around, the dance be allowed to go for this time as Mr. Bartlett had gone to a certain amount of expense.

It appeared that Mr. Bartlett had communicated with two of the Trustees concerning the matter, so Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the two Trustees interview Mr. Bartlett in turn and put the proposition up to him not to hold street dances other than on Saturday nights or Holidays, also to suggest that he close the dancing at 11:00 P.M. on next Monday night. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 109

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance do hereby protest against the form of notices heretofore given by Quirk Bros. to property owners within the Assessment districts for the paving of Arlington Avenue and Carson Street in the City of Torrance, and hereby request said Quirk Bros. to serve proper notices and demands on the owners of property within said districts, and consider the notices and demands heretofore given as invalid and of no force nor effect.

Trustee Nash moved that Resolution No. 109 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk, and a copy of same forwarded to Quirk Bros. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Proctor reported progress in his department, especially as to the lights near the School house and the starting to clean out the shrubbery on the proposed play ground in El Prado; that he expected to transplant some palms and that if shade were needed, the proper kind of trees would be planted later.

Mr. Gascoigne stated that he had to dig 14 feet on 213th St. to make a sewer connection, and asked that permission be granted to make two or three connections at this time in order to obviate the necessity of such deep digging. Same was granted.

Trustee Nash retired at 8:35 P.M.

The matter of the Building Ordinance conflicting with the Declaration of the Dominguez Land Co. was discussed pro and con. Mr. Steiner stated that the restrictions as laid down be the Declaration could not be raised except by a two-thirds vote of the citizens of Torrance and that these restrictions held until 1925; that the City had given permission in certain cases to build within 10 feet of the property line when the Declaration restricted them to 20 feet.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the City Clerk be instructed to procure a rubber stamp as follows: "This permit does not purport to certify that the building hereby permitted to be built complies with the requirements and restrictions of the Declaration of the Dominguez Land Corporation", said stamp to be used on each building permit issued by the City, and that a copy of the Declaration accompany each permit if the Dominguez Land Corp. would furnish them. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Nash.

Trustee Fitzhugh reported that he had learned from Mr. Osburn that the Water Co. would sell to the City for \$115,000. bonds, \$63,000. deficit. Also stated that he had heard through Mr. Gay that toilets were not provided in some cases for workmen on buildings in the City.

On motion by Trustee Stone, seconded by Trustee Proctor, and a majority vote, the latter matter was referred to the Ordinance committee.

Attorney Briney reported on the matter of accepting deeds proffered by the Pacific Electric Ry to 22 foot strip along the center line of Guadalupe Avenue and Carson Street, and advised their acceptance. A detailed discussion brought a motion by Trustee Fitzhugh that the matter be tabled indefinitely. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The Sewer farm litigation was still pending, according to report of the City Attorney. The demurrer had been heard last week; the Judge requested that the City's complaint be amended, and the matter would come up again in about three weeks, at which time the trial date would be set. Said date would probably be 6 or 7 months hence.

The City Attorney asked that a motion to the effect that the question of the Santa Fe franchise would come up at the next meeting, be made. Trustee Fitzhugh made the above motion, with the suggestion that the City Clerk notify said Santa Fe Co. of the action. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The Chief of Police complained of motorists not obeying the signals of the Traffic officer and asked that an Ordinance be drawn covering this. Trustee Proctor moved that an Ordinance be drawn to take care of same. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The Chief also reported that trucks and trailers and concrete mixers, etc, were being parked on the street all night, which made it very dangerous, especially on foggy nights.

On motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Stone, this was referred to the Ordinance committee by a majority vote.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 46

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 26 OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 10 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERING, REPAIRING AND REMOVING OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUING OF PERMITS FOR THE SAME, AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE, AND ALSO PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A BUILDING INSPECTOR

Trustee Proctor moved that Ordinance No. 46 be adopted for its final reading, and that the same be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustee Nash.

Silent wig-wag signals were again mentioned for the intersections at Cabrillo and Wells and Carson and Cabrillo.

Trustee Proctor moved that the Clerk write to the Pacific Electric Ry. asking that such signals be installed, and that the matter of the mail car speeding over these crossings be mentioned. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The paving and double tracking of Cabrillo was discussed and Trustee Proctor moved that the City Engineer take the matter up and get some action on it. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 47

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2 OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR LICENSING AND REGULATING THE CARRYING ON OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONS, TRADES, CALLINGS AND OCCUPATIONS CARRIED ON WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Ordinance No. 47 be approved as read for its first reading. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The matter of a survey of the lighting system of the City was referred to the Lights committee with the request that they get busy on same. Trustee Fitzhugh making the motion, Trustee Proctor seconding same, and a majority vote.

1-23-29 The Police Chief stated that another motorcycle officer was needed to keep down the speeders, etc. as he could not watch so many different roads at once, suggesting that a man be engaged to work from 2:00 P.M. until midnight; and also that he work as an extra patrolman when necessary.

Trustee Stone moved that E. H. Stanley be employed as a motorcycle officer and patrolman at a salary of \$135.00 per month, and that a machine be provided for him, costing not to exceed \$450.00. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustee Nash.

After some discussion with reference to proposed mass meeting of Assessment payers on Arlington Avenue, on motion by Trustee Stone, seconded by Trustee Proctor, the meeting was adjourned.

Albert H. B. Bant
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. H. Gilbert
President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.